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In re Patent Application of:  
Kazuo Okada

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Art Unit: 3714

For: GAMING MACHINE

Examiner: R. Hsu

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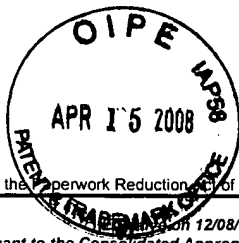
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<b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b> <b>For FY 2008</b>		<b>Complete if Known</b>	
		Application Number	10/697,027-Conf. #1099
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<b>FEE CALCULATION</b>							
<b>1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES</b>							
	<b>FILING FEES</b>		<b>SEARCH FEES</b>		<b>EXAMINATION FEES</b>		
		<b>Small Entity</b>		<b>Small Entity</b>		<b>Small Entity</b>	
<b>Application Type</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fees Paid (\$)</b>
Utility	310	155	510	255	210	105	
Design	210	105	100	50	130	65	
Plant	210	105	310	155	160	80	
Reissue	310	155	510	255	620	310	
Provisional	210	105	0	0	0	0	
<b>2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES</b>							
<b>Fee Description</b>						<b>Small Entity</b>	
						<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)						50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)						200	100
Multiple dependent claims						360	180
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>Extra Claims</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>	<b>Multiple Dependent Claims</b>			
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<b>4. OTHER FEE(S)</b>							
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Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)							
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